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Palm Beach Country Club offers \$100,000 matching gift to help start Town of Palm Beach United Way Hunger Relief Fund

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With crucial federal food assistance programs scheduled to lose funding and the number of food insecure residents increasing daily, food distribution organizations will soon be facing a supply crisis. To prevent local families from going hungry, the Palm Beach Country Club, its foundation and its members will provide a dollar-for-dollar match up to \$100,000 to raise funds for a Hunger Relief Fund managed by the Town of Palm Beach United Way.

“The demand for food in Palm Beach County is alarming, and is only increasing as families continue to experience extreme hardship brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic,” said **David Mack**, Chairman of the Palm Beach Country Club Foundation. “We hope this matching gift will encourage the Palm Beach community to give generously to help the thousands of children, adults and seniors who go to bed hungry in our own backyard.”

The Hunger Relief Fund will support Palm Beach County nonprofits struggling to meet increasing demands for food assistance while facing the potential loss of millions of pounds of food. Food deliveries under the Farmers to Families Food Box Program, a part of the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program, ended this month for many local agencies. Additionally, the Trade Mitigation portion of The Emergency Food Assistance Program is also slated to end by the end of this year.

Before the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic, nearly 200,000 residents in Palm Beach County were considered food insecure, meaning they lack access to a sufficient quantity of affordable and nutritious food. More than 52,000 children went to bed hungry each night. Those numbers have increased now as COVID-19 and its impact on the economy continue to devastate thousands of local families. The pandemic has caused demand to increase by an average of 60 percent at food banks across the country, according to Feeding America.

“No family should have to worry about putting food on the table,” said **Mary Freitas**, Board Chairman of the Town of Palm Beach United Way. “Yet this is the reality for thousands of Palm Beach County residents. Our nonprofit partners are facing significant shortages and thousands of local families are at risk of becoming food insecure. We are so grateful to the Palm Beach Country Club for stepping forward to raise dollars to help provide hunger relief in our community.”

To donate to the fund visit www.palmbeachunitedway.org/hunger-relief. Or, make a check payable to Town of Palm Beach United Way with “Hunger Relief” in the memo and mail to 44 Coconut Row, Suite M201, Palm Beach, FL 33480.

Donations are tax deductible and 100% will go directly to local organizations distributing food to families in need. For more information call 561-655-1919.

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